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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2001, please amend the above captioned patent application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2 and 16-17 without prejudice to their continued prosecution in a divisional or continuation application.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 7, and 10 as set forth below:

1. (Amended) A thermal interface comprising:

a first surface;

a second surface; and

a plurality of elongate fibers in contact with at least one of said first surface and said second surface, wherein at least some of said fibers have a cross sectional diameter of less than approximately 1 micron and are bonded to a portion of other fibers having a cross sectional diameter of greater than approximately 3 microns.